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SUBJ: ARAFAT VISIT TO BUCHAREST

1. SUMMARY. FIRST VISIT OF YASIR ARAFAT TO BUCHAREST
(OCTOBER 10-12) PROVIDED ROMANIANS WITH OCCASION TO
REITERATE THEIR STRONG SUPPORT OF PLO CAUSE, JUST PRIOR
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TO OPENING OF UNGA DEBATE ON PALESTINIAN ITEM CO-

SPONSORED BY ROMANIA. CEAUSESCU EMISSARY IS OFF TO AMMAN WITH MESSAGE FOR HUSSEIN PROBABLY REFLECTING CEAUSESCU-ARAFAT TALKS. END SUMMARY.

2. ARAFAT LED 6-MAN PLO DELEGATION, INCLUDING IMAD ABDIN, PLO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN BUCHAREST, WHICH "AT INVITATION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY" HELD OFFICIAL TALKS WITH CEAUSESCU, POPESCU, UGLAR, DALEA, ANDREI AND TURCUS. LATER ARAFAT-CEAUSESNC MEETING DESCRIBED AS TAKING PLACE IN ATMOSPHERE OF "WARM CORDIALITY AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING". CONTEXT THROUGHOUT DESIGNED AS PARTY TO PARTY ONE.

3. COMMUNIQUE TALKS OF "STEADFAST" RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND PLO; NOTES ARAFAT'S "SINCERE AND PROFOUND" THANKS FOR ROMANIAN ASSISTANCE; AND SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, IN REVIEWING THE "PRINCIPLE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE," EVIDENCES "IDENTICAL OR CLOSE" POSITIONS OF BOTH PARTIES. COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTES NEED FOR UNITY, WHATEVER DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, OF ALL FORCES IN FAVOR OF THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL INDEPENDENT PALESTINE STATE. INSCRIPTION OF UN ITEM IS MENTIONED AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT VICTORY IN FIGHT OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FOR RECOGNITION OF THEIR SACRED RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION; INVITATION TO PLO AND PARTICIPATION IN UN DEBATE ARE NOTED AS CONSTITUTING ACT OF JUSTICE TOWARD PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND RECOGNITION OF ROLE ACCORDED PLO AS SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THESE PEOPLE IN REALIZATION, BY POLITICAL MEANS, OF THEIR NATIONAL LEGITIMATE RIGHTS.

4. ON MIDDLE EAST, COMMUNIQUE IS MOSTLY STANDARD ARAB-ROMANIAN FORMULATION INCLUDING CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT DELAY OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. HOWEVER, NOT SURPRISINGLY IN CONTEXT OF SUCH A VISIT, IT MAKES MOST DIRECT ROMANIAN STATEMENT ON PALESTINIAN STATE TO DATE, "SUPPORTING" THE "CREATION, IN THE FUTURE OF A NATIONAL PALESTINIAN STATE." FONMIN MACOVESCU'S AUTHORITATIVE UNGA STATEMENT EARLIER SPOKE OF THE "RIGHT" FOR SUCH A STATE AND BALANCED IT WITH RIGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF EXISTENCE OF "ALL" ME STATES (BY IMPLICATION, ISRAEL ALSO). AGREEMENT BY ARAFAT AND CEAUSESCU TO CONSULT BILATERALLY ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS "WHenever NECESSARY" ADDS FURTHER NOTE OF PERMANENCE TO RELATIONS.

5. ACCORDING TO JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR, PRINCIPAL ARAFAT AIM WAS TO DEMONSTRATE PLO RESPECTABILITY AND ACCEPTABILITY BY CONDUCTING TALKS IN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRY IN

EASTERN EUROPE WHERE THE PLO WAS MOST ACCEPTED, A COUNTRY WHICH HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL THE DEVELOPING WORLD AS WELL AS WITH THE SUPERPOWERS.

6. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED THAT CEAUSESCU SENT HIS COUNSELOR MIRCEA MALITA (WHO WAS USED LAST FALL TO SMOOTH THE WAY FOR CEAUSESCU'S OWN MIDDLE EAST VISIT EARLY THIS YEAR) OCTOBER 14 TO AMMAN WITH SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR KING HUSSEIN. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF EXACT CONTENTS OF MESSAGE BUT GIVEN ROMANIAN EFFORTS TO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH BOTH JORDAN AND PLO HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT DEAL IN GOOD PARTY WITH CEAUSESCU-ARAFAT CONVERSATIONS. HE SAID JORDAN HAS BEEN MAKING THE SAME POINT TO GOR AS TO VARIOUS ARAB STATES THAT AS SOON AS AN ARAB SUMMIT MEETING ABSOLVES JORDAN OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEST BANK JORDAN WILL RELINQUISH ANY CLAIMS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SETTLEMENT IN THAT AREA. AMBASSADOR WAS CONVINCED HOWEVER THAT GIVEN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ATTITUDES OF OTHER ARAB STATES RABAT SUMMIT WOULD NOT TAKE SUCH AN ACTION.
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